

doubt of much greater depth. These deposits are destined to be of great economic value in the future, the quality of their contents being pronounced to be very superior."

"What has been said of the southern part of the Island may be affirmed with extended force of the northern. This mountain ridge is much longer and considerably more elevated, and the timber which clothes it is of larger growth; besides which, several kinds are found on it, in addition to those found elsewhere. I am indebted for this information to the testimony of several persons, who have traversed this part of the country. They agree in saying that in some places they saw groves of Pine (proper), but I could not determine to what species they belonged from the description given. The hardwood trees they described as being much more common than in other parts, and the streams they think better fitted for driving purposes, while they afford a greater number of mill-sites."

"As I have before said, the eastern end of the Island, consists of very level land, comprising many heaths and peat-bogs; and the same is true of the western end, in a limited degree however; for the surface is more undulating, and fewer heaths and bogs exist there. Over this portion of Anticosti I have travelled more than any other part, and I can therefore speak of it with entire certainty. With the exception of a few bogs—evidently the sites of former lakes—covering several hundreds of acres in the aggregate, the whole of this District is covered with green forest, consisting chiefly of black, white and red spruce, white birch, mountain ash, mountain maple (*acer montana*), fir and hackmatac. The last named valuable tree exists in considerable numbers, and is the largest I have ever seen, some of them reaching a diameter of more than two feet at the stump. These grow chiefly on the borders between the meadows and adjoining higher lands, and in the immediate neighbourhood of streams, and I imagine would prove very valuable for shipbuilding purposes. Much of the spruce is large enough to be made into deals and boards, much more is fitted for joistings and building materials, and still more would make excellent railway sleepers and piles."

"In fine, while the Island cannot be said to be distinguished